

received a report that the animals in the Myatheindan Buddhist Monastery at Mandalay in Upper Burma are spotted. He also mentions a report that these animals have been seen with spots in the Allammyo Forest Division.

(c) *C. eldi siamensis*. A pair of this subspecies reached the Vincennes Zoological Garden of Paris in 1937. The number now in existence from this original pair is eleven, of which 9 are in Paris, 1 in Lyons and 1 in Rotterdam. The nine in Paris consist of 1 stag with 5 hinds, and 3 young stags kept separate.

When the writer visited this zoo in June 1954 the animals appeared to be in very good condition, and were a very beautiful and graceful exhibit. Spots were just visible on some of the animals. The mature stag had antlers with hard horn, whereas at least two of the three young stags were seen to be in velvet (the other young stag was not seen).

The writer is grateful to M. Nouvel for information regarding the keeping of these deer in the Vincennes Zoo. Apparently 21 have died: 12 of enteritis, 5 from injuries and the rest chiefly when young and from the severity of the winter. The young are usually born in October and November. The period of gestation is 239 to 256 days. Maximum age recorded is 13 years. Stags commence to grow their antlers in August, are in hard horn in December and shed their antlers July. They mate in February.

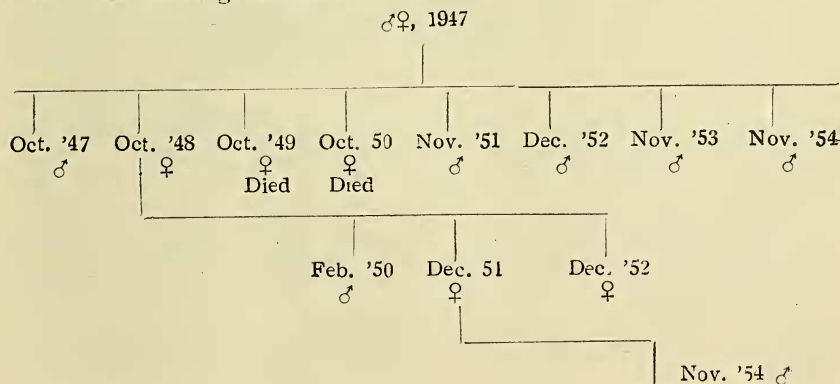
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6. THAMIN OR BROW-ANTLERED DEER IN THE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS, RANGOON

(With a plate)

A pair of Thamin (*Cervus eldi thamin*) presented by the officers and staff of the Forest Department, Minbu Forest Division, in May 1947, has been breeding in the Zoological Gardens, Rangoon, and is now in the third generation.



Two hinds were charged by the stag born in 1947 and killed. One hind born in October 1950 died of enteritis.

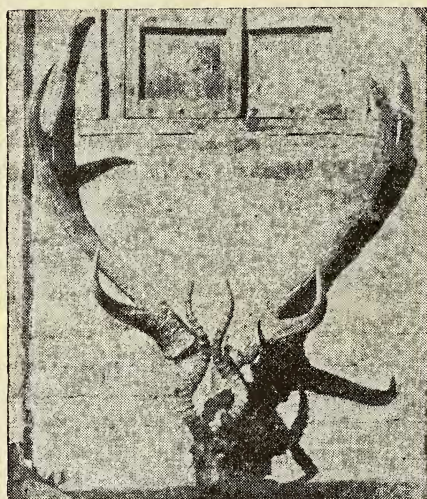
During the current year (1954), three stags were presented. There are now eleven stags and three hinds.

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7. ABNORMAL HORNS OF A BLACKBUCK (*ANTILOPE CERVICAPRA*)

(With a photo)



In 1918 an abnormal Blackbuck head was sent to a taxidermist in Roorkee. He had at the same time received a very big sambar head from another sportsman.

As both trophies were interesting I photographed them and am enclosing a copy of the same as it may be of interest to readers of the *Journal*. The sambar head is not abnormal, but is an unusually fine specimen.

I am unable to say where the Blackbuck was shot, but as the taxidermist was a small bazar craftsman who did odd jobs for local sportsmen it seems probable that it was shot somewhere in Uttar Pradesh or the Punjab near Roorkee.

In Vol. 6, p. 184 of the *Journal* a note by A. W. Morris, accompanied by six illustrations, describes abnormalities in the horns of antelopes, but none quite as symmetrical as the head illustrated in the photograph.

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